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1. Before CHIANG Shih-chao left Peiping to come to Hong Kong* MAO Tse-tung expressed ideas to him on the Taiwan situation. He stated that if Taiwan were to be liberated by force, losses in material and manpower would be so great on both sides that the vitality of the nation would be sapped. Now that the United States and other Western nations are following a policy of appeasement with respect to China the moment is opportune to achieve the liberation of Taiwan by political means. MAO instructed CHIANG for the sake of humanity to use every possible effort to achieve this through personal channels.
2. The Communists are trying by every available means to win over high Nationalist military and political officials on Taiwan. Their chief targets are CH'EN Ch'eng and CHIANG Ching-kuo. The Communists may ask YU Ta-wei (David YU), now in the United States, to relay their offers to CH'EN Ch'eng. The Communists realize that neither will come over until CHIANG Kai-shek loses his power.
3. The Communists believe, however, that the United States is manipulating the situation so as to place Taiwan under a trusteeship of the United Nations. Since both the Chinese Communists and Nationalists oppose such an action, the people under both governments will be brought closer together. A United Nations trusteeship, moreover, will leave no room for CHIANG Kai-shek on the island, and the Communists will be able to rally the whole nation to defend the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of the state.
4. In such a case the Communists will be able to offer fabulous terms to

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followers of CHIANG Kai-shek to desert him and to lead Nationalist troops with Communist support against any attempts of the United Nations to take over the island.

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